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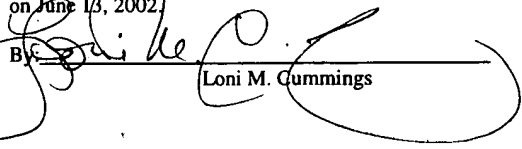
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )

DR. JAMES L. COX, *et al.* )

Examiner: Unassigned

Application No.: 09/606,742 )

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: June 28, 2000 )

For: SURGICAL SYSTEM AND )  
PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT )  
OF MEDICALLY REFRACTORY )  
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION )

**SECOND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel pending claims 21-25 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

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--26. A method of forming an elongate ablation to electrically isolate one part of the heart from another part of the heart, comprising the steps of:  
providing an ablation device having an elongate ablating portion;

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